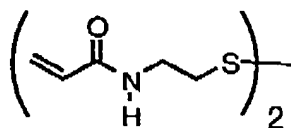


REMARKS

This amendment is being resubmitted, as the original amendment was received by the Examiner with the Remarks section. This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action date February 9, 2005. A petition for a one month extension of time is submitted herewith. In the final rejection, Examiner cited JP 55-38855 as new grounds for rejection. This is a new reference and new grounds for rejection. This new rejection was neither necessitated by Applicant's amendment nor based on information submitted in an IDS. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the finality of the rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that monomer I has the following formula:



Support for this amendment may be found in Example 2 and at page 43. Support for new claim 73 may be found at page 26, lines 13-18. Support for new claims 74 and 75 may be found in the Examples, and specifically the lenses made with AMPSA and PSPM (see Table 2. on page 41-2 and page 43, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the foregoing amendments is proper at this time as they reduce the number of issues to be appealed. Entry is respectfully requested. Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, 18 and 20 are canceled without prejudice to present them in a subsequent application.

None of the references cited by Examiner disclose or suggest that the monomers recited in amended claim 1 and claims 74 and 75 could be used to make an antimicrobial lens as herein recited. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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